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CHAIRMAN HOLLOWAY STATEMENT ON SUPERVISOR TRAVEL

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway released the following statement regarding travel for Milwaukee County Board Supervisors:

“While I can sometimes influence my colleagues on the County Board, they are independently elected and ultimately report to their own constituents. Members of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors do not report to me.

“Every year, each Supervisor is credited with individual office funds that they can use for district-related items and other activities pertinent to their role as a Supervisor, including travel, attending conferences, postage, newsletter printing and mailing, and space rental costs for town hall meetings. Every Supervisor uses their office account to conduct County business. The expenditures require approval from the Chief of Staff. Supervisors who exceed their spending limit must reimburse Milwaukee County for the balance.

“At my direction, the Chief of Staff approves these expenditures, consistent with County Board policies that have been in effect for more than 25 years. In this case, considering the Board’s own rules, the request submitted by two Supervisors was legitimate. Based on the documents submitted, I did not intervene in the use of the funds assigned to their offices. Both Supervisors scheduled meetings with several individuals and organizations in Washington, including members of the Milwaukee Congressional Delegation and the Casey Foundation.

“Face-to-face meetings are helpful for elected officials. At the same time, I understand why some taxpayers may not agree. In the end, each Supervisor has to make their own decisions. Both Supervisors have indicated to me that, even though they believe this was a legitimate use of funds, they will reimburse Milwaukee County for these travel expenses.”

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